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REMARKS

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1. A troop train seen moving toward Schwerin (N 54/T 46) along the Parchim (M 54/T 74) Schwerin line on 23 July carried 10 x 76.2-mm AA guns

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2. An undetermined number of tanks were unloaded at the Dranse railroad stop between the stations of Wittstock (N 54/U 11) and Mirow (N 54/U 33) on 24 July. Eight T-34 tanks were still at the unloading point, while tread marks of other tanks lead toward Mueritz Lake. \*\*

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3. A unit of 220 men, including 10 officers, was unloaded at the Pherwalde (N 53/V 08) railroad station on 21 July. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with 6 x 35 mm AA guns

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\* Comment. the train carried an unidentified AAA unit which is stationed in the Neue Heimat settlement at Parchim and which probably moved to the Wustrow AAA range.

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\*\* Comment. Besides the Wittstock railroad station, the Dranse railroad station is a main detraining point for the Wittstock troop training grounds which is located south of the railroad line concerned. The departure of the tanks toward Mueritz Lake indicates that they belonged to a component of the 9th Gds Tank Div which frequently practiced in the area south of the lake in previous years.

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